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TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

SCARCITY OF FOOD ADMITTED BY GERMAN NEWSPAPER.

AN OBJECT LESSON FROM BERLIN'S STREETS.

Russians Score A Success in Persia.

THE RECRUITING BOOM CONTINUES.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph"]

GERMANY'S SCARCITY OF FOOD.

TRUTH WILL OUT.

December 10, 12.45 p.m.
A remarkable article, considering the German Press censorship, appears in the *Morgenpost*. It says that the discontent among the population, because of the scarcity of foodstuffs, is so increasing that friends of the country cannot conceal their deep anxiety. The article says:—"Let the Minister of the Treasury, who is so optimistic in the Reichstag, walk the streets of Berlin and see thousands of poor women standing in long queues outside shops in order to obtain a quarter of a pound of butter, and it will be an object lesson sufficient to convince him that everything is not so well with us as it ought to have been. These matters cannot so continue. Some people have been calling on the Dictator to solve the food problem—that moot question—but we certainly don't need men who have proved unequal to the task of organising the food supply."

THE GERMAN CHANCELLOR'S SPEECHES.

GERMANY FIGHTING A DEFENSIVE WAR!

December 10, 1.55 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam states that the Imperial Chancellor, speaking in the Reichstag, concluded two prolonged speeches by endeavouring to again emphasise the notion that Germany throughout has been fighting a defensive war. He said he could not speak of peace conditions until he had seen the enemies' conditions. He refused to go into details; he could not say, for instance, what guarantees Germany would demand regarding Belgium, but neither in the West nor in the East must their enemies have the means of invading Germany. They must also safeguard their economic development.

THE FIGHTING IN PERSIA.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE A PASS.

December 10, 2.40 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd states that Russian troops have occupied Sultan Bulak Pass, where gendarmes and German mercenaries have been fortifying themselves for a fortnight under German and Turkish officers. The road to Hamadan is now open. The enemy fled in complete disorder, pursued by the Russians.

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

THE RECRUITING BOOM.

ATTESTING MEN IN BATCHES.

December 10, 1.45 p.m.
There has been a remarkable eleventh-hour response to Lord Derby's recruiting appeal during the last two days. Long queues of recruits, often four deep, have been waiting, despite the persistent rain. So great has been the rush in some places that hundreds have been attested in batches, the medical examination being deferred. Nevertheless, the recruiting authorities still emphasise that every man is wanted.

THE DUTCH EDITOR'S ARREST.

BELLIGERENTS NOT TO BE INSULTED.

December 10, 1.45 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at the Hague says that in the Second Chamber, the Minister for the Interior referring to the arrest of Herr Schroeder, the editor of the *Telegraaf*, said that everyone was free to express sympathy with the Allies or the Central Powers, but was not allowed to insult either. The Press is free, but Justice upholds the law without looking to the right or to the left. The Government's power to do something to end the war was most limited, as the belligerents were disposed to regard them with some distrust. But they must wait till they were convinced that peace negotiations were better for them than the continuance of war.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

GERMANS BEING PUSHED BACK.

December 9, 5.45 p.m.
The Paris communique reports a violent bombardment of the German positions in Champagne and also the blowing up of an ammunition depot. Counter-attacks in Soisson are pushing the Germans back and now they only hold a portion of an advanced trench which was completely wrecked. The French have had a minor success in Argonne.

"DAILY BRITISH BULLETINS."

December 9, 6.20 p.m.
In the House of Commons Sir J. Simon announced that daily British bulletins from the Western front will shortly be issued.

MINOR AIR OPERATIONS.

December 10, 12.55 a.m.
Telegraphing from British Headquarters Field Marshal Sir John French reports:—"Two aeroplanes which went on a reconnaissance on the 5th inst. have not returned. The destruction of the enemy's parapets and entanglements at various points by our artillery continues. In reply to our successful bombardment of the enemy's position near Pilken on the 8th, the enemy heavily shelled the Ypres area northward, but little damage was done. Bad weather has limited activity in the air, but our airmen have been able to do useful work and, as a result of a successful little enterprise to the south of Arras, a small party of ours entered a German trench and bombed the occupants, withdrawing successfully after completing its mission. West of Fricourt we successfully exploded a large mine on the 5th. Yesterday, near Givenchy, an enemy mine buried two of our men but they were rescued."

INTERMITTENT CANNONADING.

December 10, 1.35 a.m.
Last night's Paris communique reports an intermittent cannonade at various points on the Western front.

MINISTERS CONFER.

December 9, 6.50 p.m.
The Press Bureau announces that Sir Edward Grey and Earl Kitchener went to Paris on the 8th inst. in order to confer with the French Government.

WAR TELEGRAMS.

THE FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS.

THE NEW FRANCO-BRITISH POSITIONS.

December 9, 6.40 p.m.
A Reuter's special from Headquarters in Macedonia dated the 7th inst. says that the French withdrawal from their positions to the north of Demirakpa was necessary in order to shorten their front and take up winter quarters. The line was only thrown northwards in order to help the Serbians. It is reported that the French have blown up Demirakpa tunnel and bridge. The withdrawal was most gradual and orderly and all material was brought away. The Bulgarians did not press vigorously, though they blazed shells. The new Franco-British positions are very strong.

OUTNUMBERED.

December 9, 11.05 p.m.
A War Office communique states that the Bulgarians on the 6th inst. after a heavy bombardment, attacked the British to the west of Lake Doiran. Small parties entered our trenches, but were immediately driven out with the bayonet. The Bulgarians re-attacked on the 7th and with their superior numbers drove out the British from their positions. The British were withdrawn under cover of darkness to a new line. Reports as to the British losses have not yet been received. The British on December 8, successfully repulsed all attacks and, in the evening withdrew to a new position in order to conform to the general alignment.

FRENCH INFLECT HEAVY LOSS ON BULGARIANS.

December 10, 1.35 a.m.
A Paris communique says that the Bulgarians violently attacked at several points on our Eastern front, but everywhere they were repulsed with heavy loss. Fighting continues before our bridge-head at Gradec, on the Vardar.

AUSTRIAN WARSHIPS ACTIVE.

December 10, 5.35 p.m.
A Montenegrin communique reports that nine Austrian warships have bombarded Durazzo and the Italian wireless station there. A number of Montenegrin and Albanian sailing craft were sunk.

PERSIAN AFFAIRS.

WHY THE ADVANCE ON BAGDAD?

December 9, 8.10 p.m.
In the House of Commons, in reply to Mr. Bryce, Mr. Chamberlain said the advance on Bagdad was authorised by the Government after full consideration of General Nixon's reports, the views of the Raj, of the General Staff and of all other available information.

HAMADAN AS A GERMAN BASE.

December 9, 10.15 p.m.
In the House of Commons, in reply to Mr. Dillon, Lord Robert Cecil said the Persian Government had endeavoured to take effective measures at Hamadan, where there was reason to believe the Germans had stored a large amount of war material. He would inquire whether there was not a well-equipped army at Hamadan under German command.

A RUSSIAN VICTORY.

December 9, 10.30 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd, it is officially announced that the Russians have defeated, near Hamadan, a force of five hundred cavalry and insurgent gendarmes and twelve hundred German-Turkish mercenaries, with two guns. The enemy fled, leaving a great number of killed and wounded. The Russians are pursuing the offensive.

MORE STEAMERS SUNK.

December 9, 6.55 p.m.
The steamers Veria, Helmsmair and Goulondia have been sunk.

ANGLO-FRENCH MISSION TO RUSSIA.

December 9, 6.55 p.m.
According to a Petrograd message a Franco-British military mission, headed by Colonel Mangin of the French Army, has arrived there.

(Continued on page 8.)

TELEGRAMS

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN

CONDENSED.

A Sydney message states that timely rains have saved the early crops.

The Cleveland bye-election has resulted as follows:—Sir Herbert Samuel, 7,312; Mr. Knight, 1,453.

The Queensland Legislative Council has voted by 36 to 3 against its own abolition.

The German Chancellor says he cannot speak of peace conditions till he has seen the enemies' conditions.

Dr. Bathmann-Hollweg says neither in the West nor the East must Germany's enemies have the means of invading her.

A remarkable eleventh-hour response to Lord Derby's recruiting appeal is recorded as occurring during the past two days.

Extracts from a remarkable article published in the *Morgenpost* concerning the scarcity of foodstuffs in Germany are given in a telegram.

A statement by the Dutch Minister of the Interior in regard to the arrest of the editor of the *Amsterdam Telegraph* is given in a telegram.

So great has been the rush of recruits at Home, that in some places hundreds have been attested in batches, medical examination being deferred.

In the course of two speeches in the Reichstag, the Chancellor endeavoured again to emphasise the notion that Germany throughout has been fighting a defensive war.

The *Morgenpost* says thousands of poor women in Berlin can be seen standing in long queues outside shops to obtain a quarter of a pound of butter.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
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Tuesday, December 14.
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Saturday, December 18.
The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.—Extraordinary General Meeting.—Noon.
Monday, December 20.
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.—Extraordinary General Meeting.—11 a.m.
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South China Morning Post.

New Blood.

That the members of the Hong-
kong General Chamber of Com-
merce turned out yesterday after-
noon in full strength to vote for a
successor to the late Hon. Mr. E.
A. Hewett as the Chamber's re-
presentative on the Legislative
Council is a distinctly healthy
sign which must be welcomed
by all classes of the com-
munity, irrespective of whether
they are connected with the
Chamber or not. For many years
interest in the various public
bodies of Hongkong has lagged,
and this solely for the reason that
there is no such thing as popular
representation, while the few
offices conceded to public bodies,
such as that which recorded
its votes yesterday, have been
regarded as the privilege solely
of a much-favoured coterie.
At the same time the honours of
public life in this colony have
offered but little attraction to
men of independent spirit; since in
every case, from the Legislative
Council to the Licensing Board,
endorsement of the unofficial
view has depended entirely upon
the whim of the everlasting
official majority.

Daily Press.

Politics in Japan.

Politics in Japan appear very
much like a game of skittles, the
object of the Opposition being to
knock down as soon as possible
whatever Government it set up,
irrespective of its merits, the
services it has rendered, or
the impossibility of getting
others to undertake the thankless
task of forming a Cabinet. The
Okuma Cabinet, to the outside
world, would seem to deserve the
support of the country. It is true
that one of its members had to
resign his position on account of
a charge of bribery, and some of
the other members have exten-
sive all the attainments they made
before they became Cabinet Min-
isters; but such incidents, though
regrettable, are not ruinous. We
are not out to defend Viscount
Oura, but it is notorious that he
had many precedents for the
course he took and that the accep-
tance of the bribe was an offence
no less heinous than the giving
of them. Viscount Oura purged
himself by resigning his office and
his title and retiring into private
life—a heavy price to pay for an
action which, no doubt, seemed to
him at the time advisable in the
interests of good government;
but his fall shook the Government
so seriously that Count Okuma
actually placed his resignation in
the hands of the Emperor and
was only induced to reconsider
his decision by Imperial wish.

China Mail.

British Workmen and the War.
In one of the latest telegrams
to hand it will be seen that "the
most important Trades Union
Conference ever held has agreed
to the establishment of a triple
industrial Alliance between
miners, railwaymen and transport-
workers." No details have, so far,
reached us nor is it clear what
the conference actually is or where
it is being held. These, however,
are small matters and of little
importance to us at present.
What we wish to call attention to
is the fact—too frequently and
unjustly overlooked—that the
British working man, individually
or collectively, is taking and has
all along taken a deep interest in
the war. We have concluded,
of course, very naturally,
that the alliance referred to has
for its special purpose the render-
ing of further assistance to the
Government in the prosecution of
the war. As we have stated, it
is too frequently overlooked that
the working-men of the United
Kingdom have been thoroughly
loyal to all in authority with
regard to coping with the new
circumstances that have arisen
since the outbreak of the war.

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GENERAL NEWS.

F. M. S. Battle-planes.
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A New Race?
Thirty strange malformed skulls and other interesting remains have been dug up near Los Angeles, revealing either a race of hitherto unknown pigmies or the ostracising of the one by the Aborigines of the Pacific Coast.

F. M. S. Gang Robberies.
A gang robbery, details of which are not yet to hand, is reported from Gopeng, a mining village near Ipoh. This is the third outrage of this nature within a few weeks and it is believed that a large and formidable gang is operating.

Chinese Police Administration.
Pending the introduction of reforms in police organisation in the provinces, the Ministry of Interior in a circular despatch suggests to the Governors and Chief Police to pay special attention to the police administration of the different Asian districts under their jurisdiction. Expectant Magistrates in the provinces are also ordered to study the methods of police administration before they take up office.

Australia at Panama Exposition.
An officer of the External Affairs Department has been despatched to San Francisco with a commission to close up the Commonwealth exhibit at the Panama Exposition, which has been under the control of Mr. Oughton since the trouble occurred between Mr. Mahon and the Commissioners. While in America the officer will also make certain investigations in connection with immigration to the Commonwealth.

The Edinburgh University.
At the October graduation in connection with Edinburgh University fifty-three degrees in the arts, science, medicine, and theology were conferred. Principal Sir William Turner, who presided, in addressing the graduates, said that he observed from the uniforms half hidden under the academic robes that some were going to serve their country in a naval or military capacity. The academic youth of Great Britain had shown themselves worthy of their traditions as students of their great universities.

Bank Clerks' Dilemma.
The Lord Mayor of London is anxious to get recruits for the Bankers' Battalion, and is somewhat disappointed with the response made to his appeal. In two months only 300 men have enrolled, and 400 more were needed. The difficulty is that the banks find themselves unable to release more men. The places of the many who have already joined the army have been filled by pensioners recalled to the desk and by women, but it is held that the work of those who remain cannot be done by substitutes. The bank clerk cannot, of course, be prevented from enlisting, but in most cases he is given to understand that he cannot rely on being reinstated on his return, and that in any case he will lose seniority.

Singapore Rule of the Road.
The Singapore police have been active recently in bringing to book bullock cart and gharri drivers, and ricksha pullers, who either through ignorance or indifference fail to keep on the right side of the road. In the second police court last week, Inspector King prosecuted a bullock-cart driver named Yeo Woon, for driving on the wrong side of Scotts Road. Accused, when spoken to by the inspector, only grinned and refused to get on his right side. In court he stated that his bullocks were a new pair which had not been properly trained. The magistrate convicted him, telling him he had no right to drive a pair of bullocks on a public road which were insufficiently trained. The delinquent was fined \$5 with the alternative of 10 days' rigorous imprisonment.

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No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.
No Claim will be recognised after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown.
All chafed and damaged cargo will be landed into the Godown, where they will be examined on 12th December at 10 a.m.
No Claim will be recognised if filed after 20th December 1915.

K. DOI,
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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1915.

CRIME DIMINISHED AT HOME.

The Prison Commissioners at Home have issued their Annual Report for 1914 and, as all of us were well prepared to learn, it shows a very decided falling off in the number of convicted criminals during the war months of that year. Altogether 114,283 persons, including debtors and those committed by courts martial, were sentenced—a decrease of 37,380 on the previous year's figures. It seems to us that very little explanation is called for here; indeed the deductions are quite obvious. During the early days of the war a fit of seriousness seized upon the Home population, and all but the very lowest type of criminal felt that it was incumbent on them to live honestly and respectably at a time when their country was involved in a life-and-death struggle. Many persons in all classes of society voluntarily gave up the use of alcoholic drinks and many others—to use a vulgarism—"got religion." The recruiting boom wherewith the war opened necessarily swept up a large number of the men who, in the ordinary course of affairs, might have come up for judgment on one offence or another, and the gravity observable among the newly enlisted men precluded the general drunkenness and rowdiness that most of us are wont to associate with the various stages of the Beer War.

Many minor causes of the diminution could be mentioned, but probably the only other main cause beyond those above quoted is the greater plentifulness of money and the consequent lessening of the temptation to defraud or to rob. It is temptation, rather than opportunity, that makes the thief, and the two great evils to that temptation are (1) poverty and (2) a hankering after a more luxurious life than one's normal wage will permit. War, for England, meant higher wages and a greater number of vacancies in the various directions of employment, and so a large percentage of the most abject poverty—the poverty that prompts a man to steal rather than be hungry or go to the workhouse—at once disappeared. The prevailing seriousness of the people at large blotted out, to a large extent, the general appetite for luxuries and display; thus money lost much of its value in the eyes of those who had once so ardently desired it. So, between one factor and another, the normally dishonest became the spasmodically honest.

Thus far we have said little of the influence of alcohol on crime. That the influence is there it would be foolish to doubt; but it is more than easy to exaggerate the good results obtained by cutting off the liquor supply. If drunkenness among men has been greatly on the decrease since war broke out, it has infinitely increased among women. Early closing and the withdrawal of licences and, later, the abolition of the "treating" system may have reduced the excess among certain classes of men, but other classes, and women as a whole, are in noway affected by any of these things. When we come down to the real substance of the matter, the drink question, the better distribution of money etc. all fall back in importance before the one great cause: the greater seriousness of the public outlook on life. So long as that continues crime will go on diminishing. But will it continue? We do not wish to throw a needless amount of cold water on the optimists but equally we do not feel over sanguine. "The devil got well—the devil a monk was he." We have yet to face the joys and general excitement contingent on the ending of the war—and, after that, the years of leanness and close competition that follow strong comparatively small campaigns; and it will need all that is strong and honest and conscientious in the British nature to keep crime at a minimum then.

Is it Worth While?

Judging from the fact that the Treasury brought seven actions in the Summary Court yesterday for the recovery of the "fabulous" aggregate sum of \$145, there appears to be at least one Department of the Government which is determined not to be saddled with bad or doubtful debts. The claims varied in amount from fifty-six cents to five cents, the cost of the writ in each case being thirty times the latter sum! In such cases, however, there is no loss to the Treasury, except where the amount cannot be recovered, inasmuch as the defendant has to meet the writ charges. At the same time, one may be pardoned for wondering whether or not it pays for a Government servant to appear in Court for the recovery of so small an amount as five cents; his time is surely worth more than that, or at least should be. There are instances which we can conceive which would make it advisable for such an action to be brought, but when, as in one of yesterday's cases, the defendant happens to be in London, ten thousand miles away, is it really worth while to waste the time of the Court and of the Crown Solicitor over so trivial a sum?

Yesterday's Election.

That Hongkong can, if the occasion is given, stir itself up into something at least akin to enthusiasm was demonstrated yesterday by the amount of public interest that was taken in the Chamber of Commerce "election." Electioneering in this official-beribboned Colony of ours is a rare experience for its inhabitants, and yesterday's little event certainly whetted the appetite of the public for more of it and revived the very general desire for a greater measure of representative government. As to the "election" itself, the most surprising feature was the substantial majority by which Mr. Holyoak was appointed for general opinion inclined to the view that the candidates would run each other very much closer than they did, especially as they are both good strong men. The successful candidate took a plucky stand when he tackled the counter the malicious rumours which had been circulated regarding the nationality of the firm to which he belongs, and no doubt he carried with him the sympathy of many of the voters, who knew how base the lie was. We can heartily congratulate the Chamber in the choice it has made and, at the same time, felicitate Mr. Holyoak on his success. In its new nominee the Chamber will have a representative who, we are sure, will not hesitate to speak his mind when occasion arises. He is admirably fitted for the position to which he has been chosen and may be relied upon to keep the Unofficial point of view prominently before the Government.

The Colony's Finances.
The financial statement for the month of September shows that the balance of assets and liabilities on August 31 amounted to \$2,488,162.46, the revenue for September was \$971,551.41 and the expenditure \$937,807.22. The balance on September 30 was \$2,522,016.65.

Another Opium Case.
Before Mr. Hazeland this morning Inspector Kent charged a Chinese with possessing 4 taels of opium. The defendant was fined \$400 or two months' hard labour. The Police Reserve constable who was on duty in Court acted as interpreter in the Shanghai dialect.

Proclamations.
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Criminal Sessions.
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Opium Prices.
It is notified that the regulations made by the Governor-in-Council under Section 62 (e) and (f) of the Opium Ordinance, 1914, on the 22nd day of July, 1915, are amended as follows:—(a) In Regulation No. 2 the figures \$35.00 are substituted for the figures \$30.75. (b) In Regulation No. 3 the figures \$11.00 are substituted for the figures \$10.00.

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Cleverly concealed in biscuits and in long bars of common soap, no less than 23 taels of opium were found on a Chinese yesterday, in consequence of which he was fined \$1,000 or two months' hard labour by Mr. Hazeland this morning. It was stated by Inspector Kent that he had brought the man said that he had brought it back from Amoy. The value of the opium was \$253, having increased in value by \$1 per tael.

Closing Prices.
Messrs. Wright and Hornby advise us of the following alterations of the quotations appearing in their share report on page 9:—

Banks.—\$300, sellers.
Yangtze.—\$230, buyers.
Douglas's.—\$92, sales.
Indo Chinas (Deferred)—\$93, buyers.
Indo-China's (Preferred).—\$61, buyers.
China Sugars.—\$127, buyers.
Ural Caspians.—\$61, sellers.
Kowloon Wharves.—\$77, buyers.
Kowloon Docks.—\$84, buyers.
Hongkong Wharves.—\$16, buyers.
China Lights.—\$44, buyers.
Langkats.—\$36, buyers.

DAY BY DAY

WHERE LAW ENDS TYRANNY
REGINA—William Pitt.

The Weather.

At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 50;
fog.
Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 60;
overcast.

The Mails.

Siberian Mail.—Closed to-day per a.s. Chusan 5 p.m.
American and Canadian Mails.—Closed to-day per a.s. Shinyo Maru at 11 a.m.
French Mail.—Closed to-day per a.s. Polynesian at 4 p.m.
Australian Mail.—Closed to-day per a.s. Taiyuan at 4 p.m.
Australian Mail.—Due to-day per a.s. Nikko Maru.
Siberian Mail.—Due to-morrow per a.s. Sinking.

The Dollar.

The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 1/11 3/16.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the anniversary of the battle of Plevna (1877).

The Lost Found.

It has been reported to the police that the \$1,000 paying voucher which was reported lost has now been found.

Parcels for Australia.
On and after January 1 next, the rate of postage to be collected on parcels to the Commonwealth of Australia will be 60 cents for the first lb. or fraction thereof and 30 cents for each succeeding lb. or fraction thereof.

The Medical Board.
His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint, under the provisions of Section 10 of the Medical Registration Ordinance, 1884, (Ordinance No. 1 of 1884), Mr. Herbert William Looker to be a Member of the Medical Board over the Honorable Mr. Edith Angus-Hawes, O.M.G., deceased.

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NOTES ON THE CRISIS.

THAT TRUTHFUL CHANCELLOR.

An Interesting Mixture.

Von Bethmann-Hollweg's shrieks apart, Reuter gives us an interesting little bundle of wires this morning. It is characteristic of the haste and energy and businesslikeness of the Cabinet that at last—after sixteen months of war—the idea has actually occurred to it that it is not impossible to publish a daily bulletin as to the progress in the West! The news from that theatre, up to date, is of a decidedly varied order, covering losses and gains in air fighting, the blowing up of another German ammunition depot, minor French successes in Argonne, and so forth. Other wires relate to the Balkans and the desecration of the Balkans and desecration, with a certain amount of Reuterian trimming, the retirement of the British and French troops to new positions. The Persian and Italian situations are touched upon, and American affairs are once more to the fore. Concerning the latter, we read that, at President Wilson's suggestion, the Washington Cabinet has held "a preliminary discussion of the plans of the Administration to prevent and punish violations of neutrality." Now that is not at all a bad idea, and at the rate at which Washington is proceeding, the prevention and punishment should be due at no late period of the twenty-first century. While the "preliminary discussion" is proceeding, it is interesting to remark that a whole town in America has been destroyed, presumably by German agents!

Bethmann and Blücher.

We have always maintained that the really funniest things don't get into the comic papers at all. Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg's oration would have been paid for by Punch at, at least, ten guineas a column; and, if Sir Arthur Sullivan had still been alive, he would have appointed the Chancellor his librettist, vice W. S. Gilbert, outclassed and sacked. Only in Germany could such a speech have been made. If we examine it, even superficially, we at once find the traces of burning anxiety and fear. Of course the usual hack expressions—"logic of facts" etc.—are dragged in; though it seems to us that the "logic" on which the tirade is built up is all too obviously that of lies. But the thing is not worth examination. Even the statement that the German runaways in Russia are "ever ready for a further advance" fails to excite us. We have seen too many of those "advances" during the last couple of months.

The Answer.

Nor is there any need for a reply from the Imperial Government to such twaddle. The reply has already come from German mouths: in the first place from the Socialist members of the Reichstag, and, in the second, from the starving people of Berlin, as described in the excerpt from *die Morgenpost* which appears in a subsequent wire. This German paper says frankly (and, by the way, it is not a Socialist organ—or used not to be) that "the discontent of the population at the scarcity of food is so increasing that friends of the country cannot conceal their deep anxiety." And this is no new thing. Nearly two months ago the more candid of the Berlin papers described the pitiable rush and struggle taking place daily, among the women of the poorer classes, to obtain even the smallest quantities of household necessities. Of what use is it for this Ministerial liar to stand up in the Berlin parliament and tell the nation that all's well when people are clamouring for food? How much longer are they going to stand it? Bethmann-Hollweg talks about the logic of facts. Heaven knows there is enough of it when more than half the women of Berlin are widows, and when the poor cannot get sufficient food. Our friend may yet find that there is a convincingness in such logic that he had scarcely anticipated.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING.

Election of Legislative Council Member.

FULL REPORT OF THE SPEECHES.

As was reported in our issue of last evening, a general meeting of members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday afternoon for the purpose of nominating a successor to the late Mr. E. A. Hewett to represent the Chamber on the Legislative Council. The Hon. Mr. D. Landale (Chairman of the Chamber) presided. The following is a list of those present and of firms represented at the meeting:—Mr. G. K. Hall, Brutton, Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G., Messrs. A. G. Gordon, Geo. Grimble, R. Hancock, Ho Fook, Alvera, J. M. and Co., A. B. The Swedish, Trading Co., in China, Ltd., Apcar, V. and Co., Arcull, Bros., Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd. of London, "Bank" Line, Ltd., Bank of Taiwan, Ltd., Banker and Co., Banque de L'Indo Chine, Bataillon Bros., Bradley and Co., Ltd., British American Tobacco Co., Ltd., Butterfield and Swire, Canadian Pacific Railway Co., Canadian Insurance Office, Ltd., Cawston, Pallenjee and Co., Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, China and Japan Telegraph Co., Ltd., G. P. Lammert, H. M. H. Nematjee, Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., Messrs. M. S. Sassoon, F. Smyth, F. P. Takti, China Borneo Co., Ltd., China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., China Merchants Steam Navigation Co., China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., Chuan On Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Compagnie Des Messageries Maritimes, Connell Bros. and Co., Ltd., David Sassoon and Co., Ltd., David, S. J. and Co., Dawson, Looker, Deacon and Harrold, Dymms and Bowley, Dwyer and Co., Ltd., Donnelly and Whyte, Douglas S.S. Co., Eastern Extension Australia and China, Telegraph Co., Ltd., Evans and Needham, Fire Insurance Association of Hongkong, Grande, Price and Co., Gibb, Livingston and Co., Gilman and Co., Goddard and Douglas, Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., Hasall, D. and Co., Holland China Trading Co., Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamship Co., Ltd., Hongkong and China Gas Co., Ltd., Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., Hughes and Hough, Humphreys, J. D. and Son, Humphreys, W. G. and Co., H. H. Chison, J. D. and Co., International Banking Corporation, Ismail and Co., Ltd., Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., Javala, China Japan-Liaison, Kailan Mining Administration, Lane Crawford and Co., Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, Loxley, W. E. and Co., Macdonald and Co., Marine Insurance Association of Hongkong, Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., Michael and Co., J. B. Ming Kee Hong, Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd., Mody, N. and Co., Morson and Taylor, Nederlandsche Handels-Maatschappij (Netherlands Trading Society), Nederlandsche Indische Handelsbank (Netherlands India Commercial Bank), Nestle's Anglo Swiss Condensed Milk Co., London, Nippon Yusen Kaisha, Osaka Kaisha, Pabany and Co., E. Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co., Percy Smith and Fleming, Reies and Co., Ross, Alex. Co., Russo-Asiatic Bank, Sassoon and Co., E. D. Shawan, Tomes and Co., Shiu On S.S. Co., Ltd., Scares and Co., de Souza and Co., Standard Oil Co. of New York, Stewart Bros., Tai Shing Paper Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Thomas Cook and Sons, Thorneen and Co., Toyo Kisen Kaisha, Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., Vacuum Oil Co., Wilkinson, Heywood and Clarke, Ltd., Whiting, Harry and Co., Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd., Yuen Hop Hong.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, it is now past the hour for which the meeting was fixed, and I will ask the Secretary to read the notice convening the meeting.

After the Secretary had complied with this request, the Chairman said:—Before we proceed with the ordinary business of the meeting I wish to express to the members of the Chamber that regret which I am sure we all feel at the untimely death of the late Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. E. A. Hewett.

Having read the resolution which was passed at the last meeting of the Committee, Mr. Landale proceeded to say:—Mr. Hewett was a hard and conscientious worker and always had the interests of the Chamber at heart. Though I did not always agree with his views, I appreciate the untiring energy which he bestowed upon any matter which he represented. He represented us with great ability on the Legislative Council, where his honesty of purpose, I feel sure, impressed the officials of the Government of Hongkong even though he found himself right to oppose their policy. His place in Hongkong will be difficult to fill, and we deplore his death and mourn the loss of a public-spirited gentleman. (Applause.)

The Chairman went on to read the letter he had received from the Colonial Secretary requesting that a successor to the late Mr. Hewett be nominated by the Chamber. He said:—As two candidates have been nominated it is therefore necessary for us to vote by ballot and in order to obviate any misunderstandings which might arise I will read to you the few rules which bear on the procedure we have to follow in selecting a candidate.

Having read the rules, he said that the first business was to select scrutineers, and he had the pleasure to propose that Mr. William Dickinson, manager of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, and Mr. N. S. Marshall, manager of the International Banking Corporation, be asked to act.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock seconded. This was agreed to.

The Chairman, continuing, read the names of the candidates, with the proposer and seconders, these being as follows:—Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, of Messrs. Gibb, Livingston and Co. (Vice-Chairman of the Chamber), and Mr. P. H. Holyoak, of Messrs. Reies and Co. (a member of the Committee of the Chamber).

He said:—I have much pleasure in proposing that Mr. Bonnar be elected as representative of the Chamber of Commerce on the Legislative Council. I will try and make it clear to you that I propose Mr. Bonnar in my capacity as representative of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., and not in my capacity as Chairman of this Chamber. I think it is only fair to the other candidates that I make this statement, and I do so with the full consent and concurrence of Mr. Bonnar. I should also mention that Mr. Bonnar has no desire to take any advantage—if advantage there be—of this fact. I must ask you not to be carried away by the silver eloquence of the King's Counsel who is going to propose the opponent of Mr. Bonnar. I must remind you that Mr. Bonnar has represented the Chamber on the Legislative Council, and that he has been for the past three years Vice-Chairman of the Chamber. He is the senior representative of Messrs. Gibb, Livingston and Co., a firm which has been long and honourably connected with British trade in Hongkong and China. I feel confident that we can rely upon Mr. Bonnar giving a well-considered opinion in the best interests of the Chamber on any point on which he might vote in the Legislative Council. Mr. Bonnar will be a strenuous worker in the interests of this Chamber and for the public generally. He will not support any injudicious proposition against the Government which will only lead to legal strife. He is a gentleman well-known to you, and well-worthy of your trust. I leave him in your hands.

Mr. Stubb, in seconding the proposition, said:—Mr. Bonnar is a very old resident in the Colony, and has been connected with shipping for many years. He has been serving on the Chamber of

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING.

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Commerce, and has a wide knowledge of the business conditions of the Colony. I feel certain he will represent the Chamber very ably and work in the interest of it and the Colony in general.

The Chairman.—If any member wishes to speak for or against the proposed election of Mr. Bonnar I am prepared to hear him. If anyone wishes to speak for the election of Mr. Bonnar I will consent to hear him after the other candidate has been proposed.

Mr. Pollock.—I have pleasure in proposing that Mr. Holyoak be elected as being a man fitted to represent this Chamber on the Legislative Council as a successor to my friend the late Mr. Hewett. Gentlemen, there was contained in one of our papers this morning a leader which exactly expressed the views on the subject which I hold. In that leader there occur some words which so exactly express what I feel in supporting Mr. Holyoak's candidature that I will venture to read them verbatim. In speaking of the qualifications of the member for the Chamber of Commerce, the writer of the article says—"He will need to have the courage of his convictions in a marked degree and the power to express those convictions with force and lucidity." Now, gentlemen, you have a few important reasons why you should support the candidature of Mr. Holyoak. Both gentlemen are well-known and well-liked in the Colony, but I submit that the best tribute we can pay to the memory of the late Mr. Hewett is to elect the man who is fearless and outspoken, and Mr. Holyoak is just the man who has the power to express his convictions with power and lucidity, and I have no doubt that he will be selected. I have no wish to disparage Mr. Bonnar, but it must be admitted that Mr. Holyoak is the more practised speaker of the two. Of that there can be no doubt. There is no doubt also that he was the gentleman for your choice. Mr. Bonnar has been a long time in the Colony and so has Mr. Holyoak. He has served with great ability on special committees of this Chamber, and he is adequately fitted to represent your views on the Legislative Council. Mr. Holyoak is a man of a singularly independent turn of mind, and he is capable of forming his own judgment without fear, favour or affection on any matter which is submitted to him. I am sure that the views of the Chamber of Commerce would be well represented by him, and that is absolutely necessary. No one will suggest that we should make it our business to attack the local Government without rhyme or reason, but when the occasion does arise we may look to Mr. Holyoak with confidence. I am convinced that Mr. Holyoak is the candidate whom we should elect in the place of my late colleague Mr. Hewett. I venture to suggest that the best tribute we can pay to his memory is to elect a candidate who is as fearless and outspoken as Mr. Hewett was, and who would be able in the Legislative Council to follow Mr. Hewett as I firmly believe Mr. Holyoak will.—(Applause.)

Mr. Bell.—I have much pleasure in seconding that.

The Chairman.—The candidates who wish to address the meeting can do so now in the order in which they have been presented to the meeting.

Mr. Bonnar.—I am now offering myself as a member of the Committee to represent the Chamber of Commerce on the Legislative Council. When I was approached by the gentlemen who wished me to be nominated I undertook to stand with some hesitancy. It is not an easy matter to fill an important post of this description with the same zest and zeal as the late Mr. Hewett had, but if you do me the honour to elect me to this position I am prepared to do my utmost to further the interests of the Chamber, the Colony and the general community. Hongkong is a fairly important shipping port and I have been connected with shipping now for over

thirty years, sixteen of which have been spent here. For eight years I have served on the Committee of this Chamber, during which time I have gained a good insight into what is best for its members' interests which were clear enough for me to represent accurately. I welcome this contest as it represents a healthy condition of the Chamber and I should like to see more of such competition. I leave myself entirely in your hands.

Mr. Holyoak.—It is perhaps due to me to say why I should be contesting my friend Mr. Bonnar. The reason is simply this: that a considerable number of influential members sent a deputation to me asking me to present them. Their call was clear and definite. I could not object. Personally I had no ambition whatsoever in the matter. The honour of being a representative of this Chamber would be a greater honour than being a member of the Legislative Council itself. In the contest a heated controversy has been raised, but I have tried to avoid anything of canvassing. But, unfortunately, the heat on both sides has grown, and I do not say to personal feelings, but to such a degree that a statement has been made which I regard as so unfair that I am compelled to call it to the counter. It has been alleged—I quote this from sources which are entirely unquestionable—and I can only suppose, for the malicious reason that it might possibly influence the voting, that I am a member of a German firm. Gentlemen, the firm to which I have the honour to belong and in which I am a partner has been established for a hundred years in the name of Heine Brothers, in Manchester and London, and its name is honoured throughout all the commercial centres of the world. (Applause.) If further facts be needed—though one can hardly treat the question seriously—I may mention that at the present moment two of the senior partners are fighting at different parts of the front, the oldest son of the senior partner only a few weeks ago sacrificed his life at Gallipoli in the interest of the British flag, and there are no fewer than three sons at present in the trenches in different parts of the widespread field of battle. Gentlemen, no further answer need be given to the a-priori objection on the honourable name of Heine and Company. Now, gentlemen, you naturally ask what qualifications I have for appealing to you to support me and to elect me as your representative on the Legislative Council. I have been for many years in this Colony, I think almost as long as my friend Mr. Bonnar, and I am thoroughly conversant with the interests and needs of this Colony. I do not claim necessarily to be a shipping man, though obviously one is brought continually into touch with shipping interests. I do claim that as a business man controlling large commercial interests here that one has a peculiar fitness to represent you as the commercial representative on the Legislative Council. (Applause.) Therefore, I impress upon you—though I do not wish to labour the point—that I am perfectly free, that I have no axe what ever to grind, that I have no vested interests behind me, and that to the best of my ability I shall endeavour to convey your wishes to the Council, and to the best of my power see that they are carried out. As regards the policy which I propose to adopt, should you honour me with your confidence, I shall essentially endeavour, as I have already said, to be the Chamber's representative in word as well as in deed. Not that one must necessarily go off at a tangent, as has already been hinted, but as a business man having the mandate of the Chamber of Commerce, which is a commercial institution, I would, to the very best of my ability, endeavour to observe your wishes and to prevent anything in the nature of a suppression of them. I would further protect, to the utmost of my ability, the right of free speech in the Colony, and independence of action. Finally, should you honour me with your support, you may rely upon me, as a perfectly independent man, fearless in every respect, to maintain those things which are in the highest and best interests of the Colony. I should

LICENSING BOARD.

It is notified that a meeting of the Licensing Board will be held in the Council Chamber at 12.45 p.m. on Monday, December 20, for the purpose of considering the following application under the Liquor Consolidation Ordinance, 1911, viz.—

From one Clara Clegg for a restaurant-keeper's adjacent licence to sell by retail intoxicating liquors on the premises No. 16 Des Voeux Road Central under the sign "Alexandra Cafe."

LANGKAT OUTPUT.

Messrs. Wright and Hornby advise us that the Langkat output for the current month is as follows:—

Dec.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Tons
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Total to 10th inst.											1,467
Daily average											116.70

never dream of attacking vested interests, as has been covertly suggested, but where vested interests clash with public needs, then the case is altered, and you may be sure that my voice will then be raised in the Council in no uncertain manner. (Applause.) The balloting then took place. The Chairman announcing the result as follows:—

Mr. P. H. Holyoak — 71.
Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar — 41.

A vote of thanks to the scrutineers concluded the meeting.

PUBLIC COMPANIES

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

Notice is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Union Insurance Society of Canton Limited will be held at the Head Office of the Society No. 2 Queen's Buildings, Ice House Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on Monday the 20th day of December, 1915 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon when the following Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the said Society held on the 4th day of December 1915 will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions:—

1.—That the Capital of the Society be increased to \$4,000,000 (Four million Dollars) by the creation of 3,600 (Three thousand six hundred) additional ordinary shares of \$250 (Two hundred and fifty Dollars) each whereof \$100 (One hundred Dollars) shall be credited as paid up ranking for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the existing ordinary shares of the Society; and that the said additional shares, so far as shall be necessary for the purpose, be issued to those Shareholders of the China Fire Insurance Company, Limited, who have accepted or shall accept the Society's offer made to them on the 4th day of August, 1915—such issue being in accordance with the terms of a contract or memorandum in writing made or to be made pursuant to the said offer and to be filed with the Registrar of Companies; and that the balance (if any) of the said additional shares be disposed of by the Society's Board of Directors in such manner as such Board shall think most beneficial to the Society.

2.—That Article No. 9 of the Society's Articles of Association which now reads:—

"The Society shall have a first and paramount lien upon all the shares of any shareholder for all monies due to the Society either from him alone or jointly with any other person and where a share is held by more persons than one the Society shall have a lien thereon in respect of all monies so due to it from all or any of the holders thereof."

be eliminated in its entirety and that in lieu thereof the following new Article be inserted as Article No. 9:—

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3.—That after Article No. 34 of the Society's Articles of Association the following new Article be inserted as Article No. 34a:—

34a. Save as herein otherwise provided the Society shall be entitled to treat the registered holder of any share as the absolute owner thereof, and accordingly shall not except as ordered by a Court of competent jurisdiction, or as by Ordinance required, be bound to recognise any equitable or other claim to or interest in such share on the part of any other person, firm, Company or Corporation."

4.—That the heading of Articles Nos. 95 to 100 (inclusive) of the Society's Articles of Association reading "the Secretary" be altered as to read "the General Manager;" and that in the last mentioned Articles (Nos. 95 to 100 inclusive) wherever the word "Secretary" appears such word be eliminated and that in lieu thereof the words "General Manager" be inserted."

5.—That in the following Articles Nos. 2, 7, 25, 36, 45, 47, 53, 55, 84, 94, 103 and 129 the word "Secretary" wherever it occurs be eliminated and that in lieu thereof the words "General Manager" be inserted. Dated this 4th day of December 1915.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
Secretary.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the China Traders' Insurance Company Limited will be held at the Head Office of the Company No. 2 Queen's Buildings, Ice House Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on Monday the 20th day of December 1915 at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon when the following Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the said Company held on the 4th day of December 1915 will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions:—

1.—That Article No. 9 of the Company's Articles of Association which now reads:—

"The Company shall have a first and paramount lien upon all the shares of any shareholder (whether solely or jointly with others) and upon the proceeds of sale thereof, for his debts liabilities and engagements, and solely or jointly with any other person, to or with the Company, whether the period for the payment, fulfilment, or discharge thereof shall have actually arrived or not, and no equitable interest in any share shall be created except upon the footing and condition that Clause 34a hereof is to have full effect. And such lien shall extend to all dividends in respect of such shares."

be eliminated in its entirety, and that in lieu thereof the following new Article be inserted as Article No. 9:—

9.—The Company shall have a first and paramount lien upon all the shares registered in the name of each shareholder (whether solely or jointly with others) and upon the proceeds of sale thereof, for his debts liabilities and engagements, and solely or jointly with any other person, to or with the Company, whether the period for the payment, fulfilment, or discharge thereof shall have actually arrived or not, and no equitable interest in any share shall be created, except upon the footing and condition that Clause 34a hereof is to have full effect. And such lien shall extend to all dividends in respect of such shares."

2.—That after Article No. 33 of the Company's Articles of Association the following new Article be inserted as Article No. 33a:—

33a.—Save as herein otherwise provided the Company shall be entitled to treat the registered holder of any share as the absolute owner thereof, and accordingly shall not except as ordered by a Court of competent jurisdiction, or as by Ordinance required, be bound to recognise any equitable or other claim to or interest in such share on the part of any other person, firm, Company or Corporation."

3.—That the heading of Articles Nos. 94 to 99 (inclusive) of the Company's Articles of Association reading "the Secretary" be altered as to read "the General Manager;" and that in the last mentioned Articles (Nos. 94 to 99 inclusive) wherever the word "Secretary" appears such word be eliminated and that in lieu thereof the words "General Manager" be inserted."

4.—That in the following Articles of the Company's Articles of Association, viz:—Articles Nos. 2, 7, 24, 33, 44, 46, 52, 54, 83, 93, 102 and 128 the word "Secretary" wherever it occurs be eliminated and that in lieu thereof the words "General Manager" be inserted. Dated this 4th day of December 1915.

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Kiyo Maru	22,000 - 21 knots	25th December.
Kiyo Maru	22,000 - 21 knots	8th January.
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LOG BOOK.

Coasting at Sabang. Twenty-six vessels coaled at Sabang during the fortnight ended November 23. They bore 4,559 tons. Two of them were English, 1 Swedish and 1 Norwegian. The remaining 22 were Dutch.

New York-Manila Freight. The United War Department has advised the Governor-General of the Philippines that freight rates on general cargo from New York to Manila will be \$55 per ton by January 1, and that there is apparently no prospect of lower rates in the immediate future.

The Admiralty and the Mercantile Marine.

The Financial Times states that the Admiralty has acquired control of 800 ocean-going steamers, approximately 22 per cent. of the British tonnage engaged in the overseas trade, and the probable number will be raised to 900 in the near future.

The Barber Line. The Barber Line operated by the New York and Oriental S.S. Co., Ltd., Liverpool, is making preparations for the extension of its line to Vladivostok, via the Panama Canal, and the whole of the Company's fleet will soon be placed on that run. On the return voyage the steamers will call at China ports and Manila as hitherto.

A Record Cargo. The Glen Line's "Glenyle," which left Shanghai for Genoa and London on November 25, carried what is probably a record cargo of China produce in one bottom from Shanghai. Her cargo was 10,500 tons by weight and 15,000 tons by measurement. The Glenyle is one of the latest additions to the fleet of the Glen Line, and in addition to her cargo capacity has excellent passenger accommodation. Shipping and Engineering.

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Claim for Pilotage. Melbourne, October 29.—Papers relating to a claim by Captain J. Strasburg, of Waverley, Sydney, for \$235 for pilotage services on board ships captured in New Britain, New Ireland, Bougainville, the Solomons, and adjacent islands were laid on the table of the Federal parliamentary library yesterday. Colonel Holmes, late British Administrator of German New Guinea, certified that the services charged for had been faithfully performed, but, not being a naval man, he was unable to say whether the rates charged were reasonable or not. Captain Strasburg contended that it was his local knowledge that enabled the expedition to capture the vessels as quickly as it did, and pointed out that they came in very useful to the Administration, and were utilized for hoisting the British flag at the various islands, to Garrison those islands, to capture the German outlaws who assaulted and killed an English missionary, and those who broke the oath of neutrality, and also to inaugurate an inter-islands trade service. The Minister for Defence approved of the payment of \$125 as full and final payment of all claims. Captain Strasburg has declined to accept the amount.

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New Japanese Shipping Company.

Two new shipping companies have come into existence at Dairen, one being the Kawachi S.S. Co. and the other the Murao S.S. Co. The former has purchased the s. Komagata Maru, 3,095 tons, and Yamato Maru, 4,317 tons, of the Kishimoto S.S. Co., Dairen, and the latter the s. Fukuji Maru, 1,817 tons, of the Saeki S.S. Co., Dairen.

Electrical Submarine Signalling. The apparatus devised by Professor Fresenden consists of an oscillating electric motor-generator, which has a strong electromagnet surrounding a central core, on which is an alternating current winding. Between the core and the magnet is a copper tube which acts as a closed secondary to the core winding. The field is very much stronger than in the ordinary dynamo, there being over 15,000 lines for each sq. cm. of cross section. A fixed winding round the armature is reversed in direction so that one half is clockwise and the other anti-clockwise. The copper tube, which moves to and fro under the influence of the alternating current, passes through the armature winding, is attached to two solid discs of steel, which in turn are attached to a steel diaphragm, one inch thick, which may be made part of the ship's hull. In practice the tube is provided with lugs, and is held between two discs drawn together on it by a vanadium steel rod, 1 in. in diameter, with a right and left-handed screw thread. Telegraphing is accomplished by means of an ordinary telegraph key placed in the main armature circuit. There is no sparking at the contacts, the reason being that the armature has substantially no self-induction, and no eddy currents are generated. The capacity of the apparatus in kilowatts is large. When the oscillator is placed on a vessel or hung overboard from a lightship a large water-tight diaphragm is attached to the oscillator. This particular type of oscillator was first tested by suspending it in 12 ft. of water at the Boston Lightship, and the signals were heard plainly with a microphone lowered overboard from a tug at Peaked Hill Bar Buoy, 31 miles away. Since that time tests have been made with oscillators installed in the fore peak tank of a collier, the Devereux, and also with an oscillator mounted on a diaphragm made part of the hull of the vessel. The signals have been heard upwards of 20 miles from the Devereux running at her regular speed of eight knots. Full power has not been employed on any of the tests, and it is more than probable that much longer distances can be obtained in the future. In addition, the oscillator has been temporarily installed on submarine boats, proving itself of immense value and demonstrating that a flotilla of submarines equipped with oscillators will be able to make a combined attack on the enemy. It, therefore, makes possible a whole field for submarine manoeuvres heretofore out of the question; and, perhaps most important, it removes the principal danger these boats have had to face, the risk of being run into. The signals produced by the oscillator can be received by water-immersed microphones of the usual type, but it would perhaps not be anticipated that the oscillator may be used as a receiver, in view of the fact that the diaphragm is of solid steel, and weighs, with the copper tube and its attachments, considerably over 100 lbs. The oscillator, however, like the ordinary electric motor, is also capable of acting as a generator, and on account of its high efficiency as a motor is a very efficient one. Sound waves striking the diaphragm cause the copper tube to vibrate; the current thereby generated in it induces a current in the core binding, and this can be detected by a telephone receiver. The same oscillator is, therefore, used for sending and for receiving, a switch being thrown in one direction when it is desired to telegraph under water, and thrown the other way when it is desired to listen in. In addition to telegraphing and receiving messages, the oscillator can also be used for telephoning under water.

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S'PORE, Pang & Calcutta	Laisang	Mon. 13th Dec. at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	Hinsang	Wed. 15th Dec. at noon
S'PORE, Pang & Calcutta	Yatsing	Wed. 15th Dec. at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI via Foochow	Kwongsang	Thur. 16th Dec. at d'light
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Boston & New York	Kathlamby	B. L. L.	15 Jan.
San F'isco via S'hai & Japan etc.	Chiyo M.	T. K. K.	25 Jan.
San F'isco via S'hai & Japan etc.	Persia M.	T. K. K.	31 Jan.
San Francisco	Tjisondari	J.C.J. L.	9 Feb.
San Francisco	Chibisa	C. M. S. S.	9 Feb.
San F'isco via Manila & Japan etc.	Tenyo M.	T. K. K.	15 Feb.
San F'isco via S'hai & Japan etc.	Dairen M.	T. K. K.	3 Mar.
San Francisco	Karimoon	J.C.J. L.	9 Mar.
San Francisco	Tjikembang	J.C.J. L.	9 Apr.

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Sydney & Melbourne via Manila	Tango M.	N.Y.K.	14 Dec.
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Australian Ports via Manila	Empire	G. L. Co.	3 Jan.
Sydney & Melbourne via Manila	Nikko M.	N.Y.K.	14 Jan.
Australian Ports via Manila	Changsha	B. & S.	21 Jan.
Australian Ports via Manila	Eastern	G. L. Co.	31 Jan.
Sydney & Melbourne via Manila	Aldenharn	G. L. Co.	21 Feb.
Sydney & Melbourne via Manila	Hitachi M.	N.Y.K.	Feb.

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Tamsui, via Swatow & Amoy	Daijia M.	O. S. K.	12 Dec.
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Shanghai	Chenan	B. & S.	12 Dec.
Bombay, via S'pore & Ports	Sume M.	O. S. K.	13 Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Athos	P. Thomas	13 Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Athos	M. M.	13 Dec.
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Shanghai	Anhui	B. & S.	14 Dec.
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Haiphong	Taksang	J. M. Co.	15 Dec.
Bombay via Singapore etc.	Tenshin M.	N.Y.K.	16 Dec.
Shanghai	Yusan	J. M. Co.	17 Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Srwa M.	N.Y.K.	17 Dec.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haimun	D. L. Co.	17 Dec.
Haiphong	Kaifong	B. & S.	17 Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Norara	P. & O.	18 Dec.
Singapore, Calcutta etc.	Hakata M.	N.Y.K.	18 Dec.
Manila	Loongsang	J. M. Co.	18 Dec.
Singapore, Bombay etc.	Iyo M.	N.Y.K.	20 Dec.
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Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Colombo M.	N.Y.K.	24 Dec.
Shanghai	Tjikembang	J.C.J. L.	30 Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe & Moji	Iola	D. S. & Co.	31 Dec.
Singapore, Calcutta etc.	Kaga M.	N.Y.K.	25 Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Porikos	P. Thomas	31 Dec.
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yama	Nellere	P. & O.	1 Jan.
Singapore & Bombay	Norara M.	N.Y.K.	3 Jan.
Belawan Deli (Medan)	Van S.	J.C.J. L.	4 Jan.
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N.Y.K.	Yokohama Maru	12,500	Dec. 13	Yokohama
N.Y.K.	Tango Maru	12,500	Dec. 13	Yokohama
N.Y.K.	Srwa Maru	21,000	Dec. 13	London
B. & S.	Yangtze	6,457	Dec. 14	Liverpool
N.Y.K.	Kamo Maru	16,000	Dec. 15	Yokohama
S.T. & Co.	Glenlagan	3,809	Dec. 16	London
P. & O.	Namur	5,594	Dec. 16	Yokohama
S.T. & Co.	Kioto	4,229	Dec. 16	New York
G. L. & Co.	Empire	4,493	Dec. 18	Australia
P. & O.	Norara		Dec. 18	London
T. K. K.	Shinyo Maru	22,000	Dec. 20	San Francisco
B. & S.	Hysan	6,638	Dec. 23	London
B. & S.	Priam	4,543	Dec. 24	Liverpool
N.Y.K.	Kashima Maru	21,000	Dec. 29	Yokohama
P. & O.	Nankin		Dec. 29	Yokohama
B. & S.	Helena	7,535	Dec. 31	London
S.T. & Co.	Kathlamby	4,104	Dec. 31	New York
P. & O.	Nellere		Jan. 1	London
N.Y.K.	Srwa Maru	6,227	Jan. 2	Yokohama
P. & O.	Kashmir		Jan. 4	Yokohama
B. & S.	Knight Companion	7,433	Jan. 7	London
J.C.J. L.	Arakan		Jan. 7	Java
G. L. & Co.	Eastern	3,586	Jan. 7	Australia
T. K. K.	Persia Maru	9,000	Jan. 9	San Francisco
P. & O.	Monara		Jan. 9	London
N.Y.K.	Hitachi Maru	6,557	Jan. 13	Australia
P. & O.	Norara		Jan. 13	Yokohama
T. K. K.	Chiyo Maru	22,000	Jan. 14	San Francisco
P. & O.	Sardinia	6,574	Jan. 15	London
B. & S.	Changsha	2,269	Jan. 16	Australia
N.Y.K.	Awa Maru	6,309	Jan. 16	Yokohama
N.Y.K.	Shidzuka Maru		Jan. 24	Yokohama
P. & O.	Srwa Maru	21,000	Jan. 25	Yokohama
P. & O.	Kashmir		Jan. 27	Yokohama
P. & O.	Nellere		Jan. 28	Yokohama
G. L. & Co.	Aldenharn	3,808	Jan. 29	Australia
P. & O.	Namur	6,594	Jan. 29	London
J.C.J. L.	Tjisondari		Feb. 7	Java
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MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

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CANADIAN MAIL

The C. P. R. s.s. EMPRESS OF JAPAN arrived at Nagasaki on Monday the 6th Dec. at noon. This vessel will next leave Nagasaki on Monday the 6th Dec. at noon, due to arrive Kobe on Tuesday the 7th Dec. at noon.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The s.s. IOLA from Calcutta left Singapore and may be expected here on or about the 18th inst.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.
Hamas, Dutch s.s. 2,315, B. V. Jagt, 3rd Dec.—Balk Popen, 24th ult. Balk oil—A. P. Co.
Hamas, Br. s.s. J. G. Smith, 4th Dec.—Singapore, 24th ult. Gen.—Orde.

A YEAR AGO TO-DAY.

LEADING EVENTS
GREAT WAR.

Retrospects from the war news contained in the "Hongkong Telegraph" of December 11, 1914.

Kaiser Confined to Bed.

The Kaiser is still in bed to-day, but has listened to a report on the military situation.

German Mines Blow up Swedish Ships.

Three Swedish ships have been blown up by German mines off the coast of Hvala.

Two Indian Soldiers Awarded the Victoria Cross.

The Victoria Cross has been awarded to two Indian soldiers.

The Russian Campaign Against Vladiv.

From Petrograd it is reported that the receipts of the Russian Government spirit monopoly for September amounted to £170,414 sterling, showing a decrease of £7,659,843 as compared with September, 1913.

Traitor Sentenced to Death.

A man named Ahlers, who acted as German consul in Sunderland and who is a naturalised Englishman, has been sentenced to death for high treason. He assisted German reservists to return to Germany at the outbreak of the war.

Peace in the Orient.

Reuter's correspondent at Tokyo reports that Baron Takaka Kato, G.C.M.G., Minister for Foreign Affairs, replying to a question in the Diet, explains that when Japan, in the ultimatum presented to Germany, spoke of restoring Kiauchau to China, she did so in order to secure peace in the Orient.

The Rebels in South Africa Crushed.

Despatches from South Africa show the results of the operations in the Free State directed by General Botha. As yet 820 rebels have been captured, although the Government movements were hampered by thick fog and heavy rain. The spirit of the rebels is crushed, and General Botha has left to take charge of operations against German South-West Africa.

British Victory in Gulf.

The Persian Gulf expedition, with a naval force of armed steamers, attacked the enemy on the 5th inst., on the left bank of the Tigris, opposite Kurna, at the junction of the Tigris with the Euphrates. The enemy was driven across the river with heavy losses and we captured two guns and seventy prisoners. There were four British and eight Indian casualties, and two steamers were hit by shells. On the 7th inst. we captured Masera, opposite Kurna, taking three guns. On the 8th inst., two Indian regiments, with two mountain guns, crossed the Tigris by laying a bridge of dhows northward of Kurna, which was occupied this morning, the late Governor of Basra, commanding the Turkish force, surrendering unconditionally with his troops. The casualties were four British and 160 Indians. This smart little affair has secured to us complete control from Kurna to the sea, the richest part of a fertile delta.

BLOCKADE OF
BULGARIAN COAST.

The Hongkong Government Gazette publishes the following despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies:—

Downing Street,
22nd October, 1915.
Sir,—With reference to my telegram of the 15th inst., I have the honour to inform you that it was decided to declare a blockade of the whole of the Bulgarian coast in the Aegean, and that effect has been given to this decision by the Vice-Admiral Commanding Eastern Mediterranean Squadron, on 8 a.m. on the 16th inst.

I have &c.,
A. BONAR LAW,
The Officer Administering the Government of Hongkong.

THE SHANGHAI
OUTBREAK.HOW THE CHAOHO WAS
SEIZED.

SHELL IN THE SETTLEMENT.

About half past six o'clock last evening the North China Daily News of December 7, a steam launch containing about twenty men went up the river from the direction of the International Settlement and drew alongside the Chinese cruiser Chaoho, a vessel of 2,750 tons displacement and armed with two six-inch, four four-inch, two three-inch, six three-pounder and two one-pounder guns and manned by a crew of 330 men. It is authoritatively stated that the crew immediately revolted, but the officers remained loyal. Almost immediately the cruiser opened fire upon the Kiangnan Arsenal. At first the shooting was somewhat erratic and several shells came over the French Concession and the International Settlement, at least two foreign houses being struck. Firing from the cruiser ceased after half an hour.

It appears that the cruiser Hai-chi and the gunboat Tangshing are both in the river near the Arsenal, and that they remain loyal, watching the Chaoho, but not attacking, as an engagement would result in shells coming into the foreign quarters.

Heavy guns were first heard and dwellers in the Western District were attracted to points of vantage. Nothing in the nature of a broadside was heard, one gun firing after the other at irregular intervals. The actual firing of big guns lasted about half an hour.

Shortly after seven o'clock a steel projectile hit the wall between two parts of Bickerton's Hotel with a glancing blow, as the result of which the shell ricocheted through a pumy window. It traversed the whole length of the apartment and after gouging a fair piece out of a cupboard door fell to the ground. The miraculous part of the whole affair is that the shell missed about eight Chinese boys, who were engaged in preparing the dinner.

The ship had apparently been either in the course of its flight or in hitting against the wall of Bickerton's. The pointed fragment which was recovered was that of a solid steel armoured-piercing projectile such as would be used for a naval gun. The other projectiles fell in Mesilla Road, near the junction with Chungking Road, doing damage to Chinese houses. It is reported that these shells have been taken possession of by the police. One shell struck the joint in the roof of Mr. Wiener's house in Rue Chapais in the early part of the firing and was deflected through two bedrooms, doing considerable damage, passing out of a window towards the compound of the French School.

Throughout the night searchlights were flashing from the men of war and the Arsenal and every preparation was apparently made against surprise during the night.

A resident who was driving along the road leading from the Shanghai-Ningpo-Hangchow railway station with his wife and two children at the time the firing started said that the firing of shells started apparently from the cruisers or gunboats in the river and that the firing was directed against Pootung and that nothing could be detected as to any attack from this side or that any shells were being fired to this side of the river. He heard some rifle firing, but it was a long way off and he was unable to distinguish from which direction it came. He drove to his house in the French Concession without any untoward incident occurring.

The tramcars going in the direction of Shekwei were all crowded with Chinese, whilst along the roads leading in the same direction were to be seen many families with their belongings, bent presumably on getting away from what was the fighting zone two years ago. There was no evidence of disorder amongst any of the crowds or parties seen, and appearances gave the impression that the refugees were prepared beforehand to clear out.

An eye-witness of the firing, who saw it all from the roof of his house near the Nanyang Wharf, states that he first saw the firing from the Pootung side directed towards the Chinese man-of-war in the river. At this time there was both rifle and gun fire. Later the ships opened fire in the direction of Shanghai and then the Arsenal guns opened upon Pootung. He distinctly saw one shell burst against the side of one of the man-of-war engaged.

Until nine o'clock there was desultory rifle firing going on in Pootung and in the direction of the Pagoda and at about 8.45 p.m. one gun was fired from the man-of-war in the direction of Shanghai.

Official Account.

The official story of the disturbance, as told to a representative of the North China Daily News by the authorities at the Arsenal, on Tuesday is as follows:

Shortly before 5 o'clock a launch coming from the direction of the Settlement steamed up alongside the Chaoho. On board were about thirty young men of the student class, dressed in foreign clothes, the leaders of whom were acquainted with some of the officers on board the cruiser. On arrival on board they asked permission to show the party which they had brought with them over the ship, and in view of the fact that some of them had been naval students, permission was readily granted. Accordingly the whole party went aboard.

Then began a personally-conducted tour of the vessel, in the course of which the party very cleverly split itself up into groups, each group stationing itself at one or other of the larger guns. The Chaoho is used for training men for the navy, and consequently the guns are of various descriptions. When the tour had proceeded sufficiently long for the groups to take up their positions, the leaders drew their revolvers and gave the gunnery officer, Lieut. Wang, who was showing them round, the choice between instant death and handing over the keys of the magazines. Lieut. Wang appears to have faced the situation coolly, endeavouring, no doubt, to gain sufficient time for something to happen. What did happen is, even according to the official account, somewhat vague.

The full complement of the Chaoho is 330 officers and men. About half that number were on board, and yet the party of thirty were able to obtain complete control, after killing not more than four men. Some of the crew jumped overboard; those who did not were thoroughly cowed. In the confusion, however, somebody had sufficient sense to secure the keys of the magazine in which is kept the ammunition for the 6-inch guns, and to throw it overboard. The key, however, of the magazine containing ammunition for the smaller guns was handed over to the rebels, who proceeded to make use of it. In a very short time they had opened fire on the Arsenal.

It is necessary to have an accurate idea of the position of the Chaoho and the other Chinese vessels in her vicinity to understand what followed. The Chaoho herself was lying in mid-stream immediately opposite the Arsenal. Northeast of her lay the King-ching, the Foo-guan and the Hai-shen, one behind the other in the order named. Southeast lay the Tanghai and the Yingwei. Of these five vessels only the Hai-shen and the Yingwei at the line and the King-ching at the other could do anything to silence the Chaoho, for the Foo-guan is a transport, the King-ching is undergoing repairs, is minus her engines and has no armament to speak of, while the Tanghai has no steam up. Yet these three vessels were so placed that, in the dark—for it was dark by the time the Chaoho opened fire on the Arsenal—the Hai-shen and the Yingwei were afraid to open fire for fear of damaging them.

At this point the Pootung Fort, which stands about 300 yards below the Arsenal boundary near Chinese Waterworks, let fly at all the cruisers in case they were disposed to follow the example of the Chaoho and it was at this time that some of the shells which fell in the Settlement must have been fired by the Chaoho, whose guns were manned by her own crew

labouring at the business end of revolvers, yet retaining sufficient coolness to fire high and clear the Arsenal, the Fort and everything else that the rebels wanted to hit. The Chaoho fired in all eighty-five three-inch shells as numbered from the empty cartridge cases found on board.

It was decided to attempt to silence her by boarding parties and several boat-loads of soldiers started out from the Arsenal. Their attack, so runs the official account, was driven back by bombs, revolvers and the ship's guns, and the rebels remained masters of their prize. Nothing more occurred until between twelve and one o'clock in the morning, when the Tanghai slipped her anchors and got out of the way of the Yingwei, the idea of this manoeuvre being that at the earliest streak of dawn the King-ching should open fire on the Chaoho.

About 5 o'clock, or little later, this was done, and in a very short space of time the rebels had had enough. One shell struck the Chaoho about six inches above the water line, another shot hit her bows, while the third struck the base of the forward conning tower. Here, apparently, the rebels, beginning to repent of their escapade had clustered for safety and promptly decided that they had better make a bolt for it. They scrambled into boats, shoved off and through the mist made good their escape to the Pootung side of the river.

UNOFFICIAL.

During the bombardment a party of rebels is said to have attempted a diversion from the direction of the Hangchow Railway. There was some rifle firing, but the coolness of the garrison of the Arsenal frustrated their efforts.

It is also stated that 10,000 Chinese, mostly unemployed, were in readiness in the Settlement to rally to the rebel headquarters, which, apparently, were planned to be at the chief police station on Nantao Band. Although the station was bombed and one soldier killed and two wounded, the celerity with which Major-General Sun took command and threw out strong pickets and prohibited anyone entering from the French Band frustrated this plan also.

At 4 o'clock this morning the police at the junction of Kailang and North Tibet Roads, in Chapei, heard revolver shots followed by two rifle shots. It appears that thirty to forty rebels armed with rifles and bombs raided a sub-station of the Chapei Chinese Police. The rebels threw four bombs, three exploding and killing three policemen and wounding three. A body of regular troops quickly arrived on the scene whereupon the rebels vanished.

One three-inch shell damaged 302 Chungking Road, others landed at the Race Club, Captain McEneaney's garden and Ravenscroft, 159 Bubbling Well, but damage, up to the present reported, is very slight.

During the firing the river gunboat Kiangching, moored off the upper end of the Nantao Band was hit in three places and two men were killed and five injured. The Baden-Powell Scouts took advantage of the outbreak on Sunday evening to demonstrate to the community their value as an adjunct to the forces of the Settlement. Within half an hour of the fact being known that there was trouble at the Arsenal the Scouts were ready for work, which in this instance took the form of procuring information for the Volunteers and the Police. At about noon the authorities at the Arsenal issued a proclamation calling on the people who had left, and those who had removed their property, to return. It further stated that there was no further reason for leaving the city and urged the people to carry on their business as before, as everything was quiet.

Admiral Sir C. P. S. S. made his way to the Arsenal from the Palace Hotel as soon as he learnt of the outbreak and ably assisted Admiral Lee and the officials, all of whom displayed the utmost coolness and resource. H. E. Yang Tscheng expressed his appreciation of the readiness with which Captain McEneaney took measures to assist the Arsenal authorities in the restoration of order.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued to-day by Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, V. D.

Joined.

Guaner A. F. Brown joined the Corps on 10.12.15, allotted Corps No. 1949 and posted to No. 2 Section Artillery Battery.

Parades.

Parades for Sunday, 12th inst.—9.30 a.m. Musketry at King's Park Range, as detailed in Corps Order No. 3 dated 6.12.15. 9-9.45 a.m. Field Operations, as detailed in Corps Order No. 5 dated 10.12.15.

Parades for Monday, 13th inst.—7.00 a.m. 5.30 p.m. Members of Signalling Section and other Signallers as detailed in Signalling Section Order dated 8.12.15. Semaphore and Morse Lamp practice at Headquarters.

Remainder Nil.

Parades for next week.—The whole Corps, with the exception of members of the Engineering Company detailed for duty with the Search Lights on that day, will parade on the Cricket Ground at 5.15 p.m. on Tuesday, 14th inst.

Detail.

Gun Club Hill, Kowloon.—On duty until morning of 13th inst. H. K. V. R. On duty 13th to 20th inst. No. 1 Sec. Art. Batty, and Left Sec. M. G. Co.

Officer on duty Lieut. Rees.

P. of W. Camp, Kowloon.—

On duty until morning of 13th inst. H. K. V. R.

On duty 13th inst. Centre Section M. G. Co.

Officer on duty Capt. Wood.

Orderly Sergeant from 13th to 20th inst. Corp. A. A. Bolton.

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WAR TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from page 1.)

AMERICA AND THE WAR.

December 9, 6.55 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Washington says that, on the suggestion of the President, the Cabinet has held a preliminary discussion of the plans of the administration to prevent and punish violations of neutrality.

"BELIEVED TO BE GERMAN AGENTS."

December 10, 2.30 a.m.

A message from Richmond, Virginia, states that fire has practically destroyed the town of Hopewell, where the new Dupont powder factories are located. The latter were unharmed. The Government has ordered troops out to help the town. Two men who were found in possession of explosives near the Dupont warehouse, have been arrested, and are believed to be German agents.

AUSTRALIA'S WAR OUTLAY.

December 9, 6.55 p.m.

According to Reuter's Brisbane correspondent Mr. Hughes states that the Commonwealth's war expenditure for 1916 will probably exceed fifty millions sterling.

FOOD SUPPLY IN N.S.W.

December 9, 6.55 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Sydney telegraphs that the State Labour Party has endorsed the establishment of a State bread-making and selling monopoly at a cost of six hundred thousand sterling.

GREECE AND THE BALKANS.

RESTITUTION OF GREEK SCHOOLS.

December 9, 6.55 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Athens it is stated that negotiations are in progress for the restitution of Greek schools and churches taken by the Bulgarians in Serbian Macedonia. Greek newspapers emphasize that there is no difficulty in obtaining cereals from Bulgaria.

AN INTERESTING SUMMARY.

December 9, 9.55 p.m.

A message from Athens states that the Russian and Italian Ministers have conferred with M. Scoulovis, which is taken to indicate that they associate themselves with the demands for guarantees to the Anglo-French forces. The activity on the French front is daily increasing. The Bulgarians are concentrating against the French. It is affirmed that the Allies are establishing a new line nearer their base.

THE ITALIANS.

MINOR ENGAGEMENTS.

December 10, 12.55 a.m.

A Rome communique says:—In the Montenegro zone, detachments, under cover of fog, penetrated one of our entrenchments on Rodil spur but were immediately ejected. On Calvario height we occupied an enemy shelter capturing eighty rifles and ammunition. In minor offensive operations on Monte San Michele we captured seventy-one prisoners.

THE KING AND MR. ASQUITH.

December 10, 5.35 a.m.

Mr. Asquith had a prolonged audience with His Majesty the King last night.

THE DARDANELLES.

December 9, 5.45 p.m.

A Paris communique reports that the French troops at the Dardanelles have exploded an ammunition depot.

SOLDIERS AND THE VOTE.

December 9, 6.50 p.m.

In the House of Commons, Sir J. Simon introduced the Parliament and Registration Bill extending the life of Parliament to the 31st January, 1917. He said the year 1916 would be treated for the purposes of the Parliament Act as if it followed immediately after 1914. A provision is made ensuring that soldiers shall not lose an opportunity of voting.

RUSSIAN NAVAL MISSION TO FRANCE.

December 9, 6.20 p.m.

According to a Paris message, Admiral Roussine, Chief of Staff of the Russian Navy, has arrived there with a naval mission. He attended the Allied War Council in the afternoon.

WAR TELEGRAMS

VON BETHMANN HOLLWEG'S HOT AIR.

December 9, 5.20 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says that on the occasion of the re-opening of the Reichstag the House and galleries were crowded. Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech was noteworthy for its outburst of hatred and rage against England, and he was unable to conceal his uneasiness at the continuance of the war. He admitted that British sea power was dominating, and said that the Entente profited by that power to oppress Greece with brutal menace. He declared it was impossible that such oppressors should longer play the hypocrite. He would repeat this before the world as often as Great Britain tried to hide her true features behind a cloud of calumny. The Chancellor read garbled extracts from English newspapers in support of his assertion that not pity for Belgium but the desire to master Germany was Great Britain's reason for taking up arms, and said this was the reason why at Great Britain's command, the murder of nations continued. He referred to the intervention of Bulgaria on the side of the Central Powers, despite the Entente's liberal promises to King Ferdinand (including even part of Serbia) "for whose menaced integrity Russia had unchained war." The opening of a way to the Near East was of inestimable value economically and militarily. After peace this bridge would recede not to the tramp of marching battalions but to the works of peace and Kultur. Friendship consolidated by comradeship in arms will enable us to participate actively in the rise of the countries and peoples capable of vigorous development.

Turning to the situation in Greece, he said that under the threat to employ the dominating power of the British Fleet the Entente Powers had extorted a promise of benevolent neutrality. They proceeded to interpret this as they liked, but the matter was not yet at an end. The Chancellor proceeded with a tirade against "British hypocrisy," and ridiculed the idea that Britain wanted to war over Belgium. Reviewing the Military position he said—We hold in the East a strong defensive line, ever ready for further advance. In the West, it is true, the French and British, with great contempt for death, squeezed in our front at some points, but the attempt to break through failed. The positions against Italy were heroically held against continual Italian attacks, attended with gigantic loss of life.

The Chancellor reviewed in eulogistic terms the German administration in Belgium and Poland, and complained that England was strangling Belgian industry by preventing exports overseas. He concluded—"I have tried to give a clear description of the theatres of war. Against the logic of facts even the enemy is powerless. Our calculations contain no uncertain factor to impair the country's unshaken confidence in its invincible strength. It is an insult to try to make us believe that we, who are going from victory to victory far out in enemies' countries would be inferior in endurance, activity, and internal morale to our enemies, who are still dreaming of victory. No, we will not yield to words, but shall resolutely continue the war in order to complete what Germany's future demands."

The Chancellor emphatically asserted that there were sufficient provisions if rightly distributed. "The enemy think we are on the eve of collapse, and represent us as begging for peace, they think that Prince Buelow in Switzerland, Dr. Solz at The Hague, Prince Max of Baden at Stockholm, and Cardinal Hartmann at Rome are all credited with missions to promote mediation. There is not a word of truth in these legends. These Press campaigns began when the Entente policy in the Balkans threatened to collapse, and the enemy attempts to break through in the West failed."

After the speech, the Reichstag discussed a Socialist interpellation, asking whether the Chancellor was prepared to state the conditions on which he would be disposed to enter on peace negotiations. Herr Scheidemann, introducing the discussion, said if the war continued, the United States would be the only victorious Power, as Europe would have committed suicide. He said the Chancellor knew that the whole world was waiting Germany's overtures for peace, which the peoples everywhere desired. The Chancellor replied that as long as the foreign rulers persisted in their guilt and ignorance, any offer of peace would be folly. "If our enemies submit to us proposals commensurate with the dignity and safety of Germany we shall be ready to discuss them. Fully conscious of our successes, we disclaim responsibility for the continuance of the war. One thing our enemies must recognise, namely, the longer and bitterer the war the greater will be the guarantees we shall demand."

TELEGRAMS.

AUSTRALIAN POLITICS

(Reuter's Service To "The Telegraph.")
London, Received, December 11.
Reuter's correspondent at Brisbane states that the question of the Queensland Upper House has again reached a critical stage, the Legislative Council voting by 28 to 3 against its own abolition.

THE AUSTRALIAN CROPS.

London, Received, December 11.
Reuter's correspondent at Sydney states that timely rains have saved the early crops.

CLEVELAND BYE-ELECTION.

London, Received, December 11.
The Cleveland bye-election has resulted as follows:—
Sir Herbert Samuel... 7,312
Mr. Knight... 1,453

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.]

TELEGRAMS.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

MEXICAN AFFAIRS.

Carranza Government Recognised.

(Reuter's Service To "The Telegraph.")
London, Received, December 10.
Lord Robert Cecil, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, intimated in the House of Commons that Britain has recognised the Carranza Government in Mexico.

BRITISH FINANCE BILL.

London, Received, December 10.
In the House of Commons the Finance Bill passed its third reading.

America's Recognition.

London, Received, December 10.
Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that diplomatic relations between the United States and Mexico have been restored with President Carranza's appointment of Senator Arredondo as Mexican ambassador to Washington. Mr. Fletcher, now at Chile, is the probable American Ambassador to Mexico.

PUBLIC AUCTION

GEO. P. LAMMERT.
AUCTIONEER, SHARE &
GENERAL BROKER.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

MONDAY,
the 13th December, 1915, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.
A Large Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture

comprising—
Teak Hatstand with Bevelled Mirror, Chesterfield Couch, Roll Top Desk, Bookcases, Card Table, Overmantel with Bevelled Mirror, Electric Chandelier, Electric Table Fan, Carpets, Curtains, Pictures and Engravings, Vases, Ornaments, etc., etc.

Teak Sideboards with Bevelled Mirrors, Oak Extension Dining Table, Dinner Wagon, Tea Tables, Ice Chest, Dinner and Dessert Services, Electric and Glass-ware (including cut-glass), Cooking Stove, etc., etc.

Brass Mounted Iron Bedstead, Teak Wardrobes, Dressing Table with Bevelled Mirror, Chest-of-Drawers, Marble Top Washstands, Toilet Crockery, Quilts and Blankets, etc., etc.

Also
A few pieces of Blackwood-ware
1 Singer Treadle Sewing Machine
2 Treadle Sewing Machines.

On view from Saturday, the 11th inst.
Catalogues will be issued.
Terms—Cash on delivery.
GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

THE Undersigned has received instruction from Captain F. F. Milner-Jones A.S.C. to sell by Public Auction on

TUESDAY,
the 14th December, 1915, commencing at 2.45 p.m. at No. 5 Mount View, The Peak.
A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture
(Particulars from Catalogue) and
A Few pieces of Carlton Blackwood

One "Victrola" with a quantity of Records.
Terms—As Usual.

On view from Monday the 13th inst.
GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

TUESDAY,
the 21st December, 1915 commencing at 11 a.m. at his Sales Rooms Duddell Street.
THE ONE LOT.
The Japanese Steamer "Taro Maru"

as she now lies wrecked at the Hainan Straits together with her Engines, Anchors, Cables, Appurtenances, Stores, etc., etc.

The Cargo consisting of about 3,800 Tons of Hongkong Dust Coal.

For further particulars apply to
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SHARE REPORT.

COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

STOCK.	To-day's Closing Prices	Number of Shares	Par Value	Paid Up	1914. Highest	1914. Lowest	1915. Highest Since 14th May. to now	1915. Lowest Since 14th May. to now	Last Dividend and Date
Banks.									
H'kong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	\$800 sa. 173/10/-	120,000	\$125	all	\$55 July.	700 Oct.	\$45 x div.	790 c. div.	{ 22 1/2% at 1/9 5/16 equal to \$24.21 for 1/2 year 30/6/15
Marine Insurance.									
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.	425	10,000	\$250	59	350 Dec.	305 Oct.	425	360	{ Final of \$4 a/c 1913. Interim of \$18 a/c 1914.
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	175	10,000	\$15	25	145 May	133 Jan.	175	160	{ Final of 12 1/2 p.c. making 25 p.c. for 1914
Union Ins. Society of C'lon, Ltd.	\$910	12,400	\$250	100	\$47 1/2 April	700 Oct.	\$57 1/2	\$855	{ Final of \$20 and bonus of \$5 making \$25 for 1913 and Interim of \$30 for 1914
Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ltd.	\$280	12,000	\$100	60	210 April	192 1/2 Jan.	270	235	{ Final of \$15 mak. \$18 for 1913 & Int. of \$3 for 1914
Fire Insurance.									
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$152 1/2	20,000	\$100	20	160 July	140 Oct.	162	130	\$9 for 1913
H'kong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$415	8,000	\$250	50	395 Feb.	358 April	420	385	\$27 for 1913
Shipping.									
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	\$33	20,000	\$50	all	56 Mar.	27 1/2 Nov.	94	45	{ \$4 1/2 for year ending 30.6.15
Hongkong, C. & M.S.S. Co., Ltd.	19 1/2	80,000	\$15	all	29 1/2 Jan.	23 Dec.	23	19	{ Final of 40 cts. making 90 cts. for year ending 31.12.14
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.	{ Combined \$154 b. Deferred, \$92 1/2 b. Preferred \$61 1/2 b.	{ 60,000 \$5 } { 60,000 \$5 }	all	79 Jan.	50 Sept.	159	96		{ 6 p.c. on p. & s. p.c. and a. for year 1914 & quoted ex 9 p.c. div. in H.K. from 23.12.13 an interim div. of 6 p.c. on the combined a/c paid in London 23.12.13 quoted ex div. H.K. 11.12.13
Star Ferry & Trading Co., Ltd.	\$5/-	3,797,610	21	al	106 1/2 Feb.	70/-	Sept. 90/-	x div. 82/- x div.	{ Final of 5/- (Coupon No. 24) making 7 1/2 for 1914
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	\$37 1/2	40,000	\$10	al	49 Mar.	40 Nov.	39	32	{ \$1.50 per share and bonus of 40 cents per share for year ending 30/4/15
Refineries.									
China S. Refining Co., Ltd.	\$125	20,000	\$100	all	96 1/2 Feb.	70 Nov.	134	111	\$3 for 1912
Luzon S. Refining Co., Ltd.	\$36 1/2	7,000	\$100	all	31 Jan.	17 Dec.	46	27 1/2	\$3 for 1897
Mining.									
Kailan Mining Adm'n.	\$30 1/2	1,000,000	\$1	all	4 1/2 Feb.	33 1/2 Dec.	33 1/2	30 1/2	{ Interim of 1 1/2 account year ending 30.6.15 (Coupon No. 5.)
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	\$1	200,000	\$1	all	3 1/2 Jan.	1 1/2 Nov.	4	3 1/2	{ 1/2 for 1909
Tromoh Mines Ltd.	\$27 1/2	160,000	\$1	all	39 1/2 Feb.	19 1/2 Nov.	32 1/2	37 1/2	{ 25 b. 1/2 interim a/c 1915 paid 12.7.15
Ural Caspian	\$36 1/2	796,566	\$1	all	56 1/2	21 1/2	41	37 1/2	{ 1 1/2 interim 1915
Docks, Wharves and Godowns &c.									
H'kong & K.W. & G. Co., Ltd.	\$77	60,000	\$50	all	89 Jan.	73 Nov.	\$1 1/2	68	\$3.50 for year 1914
H'kong & W. P. & C. Co., Ltd.	\$61	50,000	\$50	all	77 Jan.	53 Oct.	83 1/2	57	\$3 dividend for year 1914
Shanghai Dock & Eng. Co., Ltd.	\$61	55,700	\$100	all	60 July	50 Dec.	63 1/2	49	\$3.40 for year ending 30.4.15
Shanghai & H'kong W. Co., Ltd.	\$98	35,000	\$100	all	109 Jan.	82 1/2 Dec.	93 1/2	80	Tls. 5 for 1914
Lands, Hotels and Buildings.									
Anglo-French Lands	\$194	13,000	\$100	\$100	128 July	120 Dec.	94	94	Tls. 6 1/2 for year ending 29.2.14
H'kong Hotel Co., Ltd.	\$108	20,000	\$50	50	128 July	120 Dec.	116	112	{ \$2.50 for half year ending 30/6/15
H'kong Land Investment Co.	\$103 1/2	50,000	\$100	all	117 1/2 July	98 Nov.	111	108	{ \$3 for year ending 30/6/15
H'kong Estate & F. Co., Ltd.	\$61 1/2	120,000	\$10	all	9 1/2 Jan.	7 Nov.	7 1/2	6 1/2	{ 45 cents for year 1914
H'kong Land & Building Co., Ltd.	\$40	6,000	\$50	30	45 1/2 Jan.	44 Feb.	40	40	{ \$3 for 1914
Shanghai Lands	\$105	70,000	\$50	all	98 Dec.	89 Oct.	106	101	{ Dividend of 6 p.c. for 1 year ending 30.6.15
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	\$73	12,500	\$50	all	73 June	66 Feb.	70	70	{ \$2 for half year ending 30.6.15
H'kong Central Estates	\$102	10,000	\$100	all	103	103	100	100	{ \$4.09 for 7 months ending 31.12.14
Cotton Mills.									
Ewo Cotton S. & W. Co., Ltd.	\$160	20,000	\$50	all	128 July	125 May	180	152 1/2	Tls. 12 for year ending 31.10.14
Kung Yik	\$15	75,000	\$100	all	14 1/2 Jan.	11 Mar.	17 1/2	13 1/2	Tls. 12 for year ending 30.11.14
Laun Kung Mow	\$78	8,000	\$100	all	130 Feb.	70 May	89	80	Tls. 12 for 1913
Shanghai Cottons	\$86	40,000	\$50	all	135 Feb.	70 Nov.	105	90	{ Dividend of Tls. 7 1/2 for year ending 30.6.15
Miscellaneous.									
Yangtze Paper	\$61	175,000	\$5	all	—	—	6 1/2	6 1/2	85 cents for 1914
China Borneo Company, Ltd.	\$10 1/2	60,000	\$5	all	12 May	10 Dec.	18	18	5% for year ending 28.2.06
China Light & Power Co., Ltd.	\$4.70	50,000	\$5	all	4.90 July	4 April	4 1/2	4 1/2	70 cts. for 1914
Do. (Spec. shares)		50,000	\$1	all	9 Jan.	7 Nov.	10.10	8.00	\$1.25 for year ending 31.7.15
China Prov. L. & M. Co., Ltd.	\$9.80	125,000	\$10	all	35 Aug.	34 June	34	31	\$2.50 for 1914
Dairy Farm Company, Ltd.	\$30	40,000	\$5	all	5.90 Jan.	5 Dec.	11	6.70	50 cts. for 1914
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	\$44 1/2	400,000	\$10	all	6.90 Jan.	36 Nov.	45	39	\$2.00 per share for 1914
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	\$144 1/2	60,000	\$10	all	21 1/2 July	174 Dec.	180	184	Interim of \$2 account 1915
Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	\$190	6,000	\$25	all	25 June	22 Apr.	43 1/2	25	Interim of \$1 for year ending 30.6.15
Hongkong Rope Mfg. Co., Ltd.	\$34	60,000	\$10	all	13 1/2 July	7 Feb.	5.90	4.80	{ \$10 for 1914
Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.	\$54 1/2	325,000	5/16	all	64 1/2 Mar.	28 Dec.	42	36 1/2	{ Interim of Tls. 1 making Tls. 2 a/c 1913
Langkats	\$136	250,000	\$10	all	10 1/2 Jan.	9 1/2 June	10	9	{ 70 cts. on fully paid shares and 7 cts. on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.15
Peak Tramway Co., Ltd. (Old)	\$10	25,000	\$10	all	93 cts. Jan.	75 cts. Dec.	\$1	90 cts.	{ None
Do (New) 85 cts. b.		50,000	\$10	\$1	—	—	—	—	{ None
Philippines Ld.	\$4	75,000	\$10	all	—	—	—	—	{ None
H. Price & Co., Ltd.	\$4	12,000	\$10	10	—	—	—	—	{ None
Societe des Pulpes et Papier-teries du Tonkin	\$20	20,000	\$5	all	5.00 June	4 Nov.	3 1/2	3.00	25 cts. for year ending 31.5.15
Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.	\$31	27,723	\$10	all	22 1/2 Feb.	17 Jan.	18	16	{ \$1.00, per share for year ending 31.12.1914
Union Water-boat Co., Ltd.	\$16 1/2	90,000	\$10	all	8 1/2 April	6.90 Dec.	6.90	6 1/2	{ 60 cts. for 1914
Watson and Co., Ltd.	\$61 1/2	90,000	\$10	all	9 1/2 Jan.	6 1/2 Dec.	7	6	{ 50 cts. on old shares and 25 cts. on new year shares for year ending 30.6.14
William Powell, Limited	\$8	21,000	\$7	all	30 June	92 Dec.	29	29	{ \$1.50 for 1914
S. C. Morning Post	\$29	6,000	\$25	all	—	—	—	—	—

LATEST RUBBER QUOTATIONS.

Anglo-Java Estates Ltd. Tls. 12.70 sellers.	Ayer Panas (Straits) \$6.80 buyers.	Kempas (Straits) \$4.40 buyers.	Sandycrofts (Straits) \$7.00 buyers.
Anglo-Dutch Tls. 6 sellers.	Balgownie (Straits) \$3 1/2 buyers.	Malaka Pindas (Straits) \$1.90 buyers.	Pajam (Straits) \$13.00 buyers.
Linggis 14/8 buyers 15/6 sellers.	Changkat Serdangs (Straits) \$6.75 buyers.	Malakoffs (Straits) \$3.45 buyers.	New Serendah \$2.40 buyers.
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SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Wright and Hornby, in their share report dated December 10, state:—
The firmer tone which we recorded in our last report developed into quite an active market and a fairly large business has been transacted for cash and time chiefly in Indos, Douglas's, Wharves, Docks and Cements.

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Banks.—Sales are reported of Hongkong and Shanghai Banks at \$800 and close with sellers at \$805.

Marine Insurance.—Cantons were sold at \$425 and there are further buyers. North Chinas are quiet at Tls. 175. Unions are firm at \$910 after sales at \$900, \$905 and \$910. Yangtzees are wanted at \$280 ex 73.

Fire Insurance.—China Fires changed hands at \$152 1/2 and close with buyers at the rate. Hongkong Fires are on offer at \$415.

Shipping.—Indo-Chinas have had a sharp rise from \$144 to \$154 business being done at various intermediate rates for cash and corresponding rates forward. The Market closes with buyers at \$154. Douglas's were done at various rates from \$86 to \$94 cash and equivalent rates forward but are slightly easier at the close with sellers at \$93. Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats are firm at \$19 1/2 buyers. Star Ferries are quiet at \$37 1/2.

Refineries.—There have been sales of China Sugars at \$127 1/2, \$126 and \$125 closing with sellers at \$125. Luzons have been done at \$36 1/2.

Mining.—Kailans are steady at 30/4. Raubs are offering at \$3.50. Tronchs are wanted at 27 1/2.

Oils.—Shell Transports can probably be placed at 85/- Ural Caspians can be obtained at 35/6. Langkats have declined from Tls. 38 1/2 to Tls. 36, sales taking place at various intermediate rates, at the close there are buyers at Tls. 36.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Kowloon Wharves have been in good demand and shares have changed hands at \$76 and \$76 1/2 for cash and at \$77 and \$78 for January delivery the market closing firm with buyers at the latter figures for cash and time. Docks have receded from \$85 to \$83 sales and buyers. Shanghai Docks are quoted at Tls. 60 1/2 buyers and Hongkong Wharves at Tls. 98 nominal.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Central Estates are offering at Tls. 102, Hongkong Hotels have buyers at \$109 after numerous sales at the rate. Hongkong Lands have sold at \$103 closing steady. Humphreys Estates are wanted at \$6 1/2 Kowloon Lands at \$40 and West Point at \$73.

Cotton Mills.—The market for these shares has been extremely quiet. There are buyers of Ewo's at Tls. 157 1/2, Shanghai Cottons Tls. 36 and sellers of Kung Yiks at Tls. 14 1/2 and other quotations given above are all more or less nominal.

Miscellaneous.—There are buyers of China Borneos at \$10 1/2, China Light and Powers at \$4.70, Cements at \$9 1/2 for cash and \$10 1/2 for March delivery, Low Level Trams at \$5.20, Peak Trams at \$10, A. S. Watsons at \$8 1/2 and Steam Laundries at \$3 1/2.

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T/T Singapore	83 1/2	On Bangkok	80
T/T Japan	90 1/4		
T/T India	144 1/2		
Demand India	145		
T/T Bombay	145		
Demand Bombay	145		
T/T Calcutta	45		
Demand Calcutta	45		
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